

Dear Officials,

Please take action to protect migratory birds. I fear that communications towers, such as those that support TV and radio stations and cell phone services, are having a deadly effect on them.

It would be wonderful if the FCC would:

- *begin a systematic review of communication tower and bird mortality issues;
- *institute a research program, funded by the communications industry, to identify tower placement, design and lighting conditions that result in bird mortality;
- *undertake environmental reviews of all existing towers to assess their placement and design with regard to migratory bird impacts;
- *require that all proposed towers be subjected to rigorous environmental reviews;
- *and implement immediate protections based on existing knowledge.

I am confident that the FCC wants to do the right thing. As a former radio and television newscaster, I am well aware of the degree to which human beings rely on communications. However, wildlife is just as important. Without beautiful birds, animals and other wonderful creatures this world would be a very lonely and sad place. We must do our part to protect wildlife.

Sincerely,

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